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BRIDGE ACROSS ARKANSAS RIVER BETWEEN PAWNEE
COUNTY, OKLA., AND OSAGE INDIAN RESERVATION.

APRIL 11, 1896.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DOOLITTLE, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5482.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5482) authorizing the Cleveland Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River between Pawnee County, Okla., and the Osage Indian Reservation, report the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

The bill in no manner interferes with navigation, as the river never has more than enough water in it to float a canoe. The location of the bridge will be about 100 miles from the nearest point that the river sought to be bridged is navigable.

The accompanying letter, transmitted to your committee by the Secretary of War, indicates that in the opinion of the War Department there is no objection to the passage of the bill.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, D. C., February 19, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this office of a letter, dated the 12th instant, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives inclosing, for the views of the War Department thereon, H. R. 5482, Fifty-fourth Congress, first session, "A bill authorizing the Cleveland Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River between Pawnee County, Oklahoma, and the Osage Indian Reservation," and, in returning the same, I beg to say that the interests of navigation appear to be thoroughly protected by the provisions of the bill, and I know of no objection to its passage by Congress so far as those interests are concerned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. MACKENZIE,
Acting Chief of Engineers.

Hon. DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.